ject titled "Afforestation and Pasture Development along Indira Gandhi Canal Area" in Rajasthan. The five-year project, with total outlay of Rs. 107.5 crores was started in 1990-91. The main project activities are plantations, sand dune stabilisation pasture, development, farm forestry, etc. Japan is not assisting any afforestation project in Haryana.

(b) and (c) The Bihar Social Forestry Project is being implemented in the Chhota Nagpur and Santhal Pargana areas with the assistance provided by the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA). The project was started in 1985-86 and will close in March, 1992. As against the original project cost of Rs. 53.85 crores, the expenditure ending March, 1991 was Rs. 42.01 crores.

Representation of SC/ST/Minorities in Selection Committees

1881. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instructions of the Government of India of August 1990 for inclusion of representatives of SC|ST and Minorities in the Selection Committees| Boards have been implemented by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details of such bodies and organisations under his Ministry where the instructions have been implemented;

(c) what are the names of the bodies which have not implemented the instructions so far and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government|institutions in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vacant posts of wild life wardens in J & K

1882. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all present 11 posts of Wild Life Wardens are lying vacant for the last two years in Jammu and Kashmir; if so; the number of eligible candidates who have so far applied for appointment to the post;

(b) whether the rules have not been framed so far in this regard; if so, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether the Government propose to appoint eligible candidates on ad-hoc basis so as to save wild life in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

883. [*Transferred to the 13th December*, 1991].

Import of timber and pulp

1884. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of timber and pulp imported during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) the names of the countries from which it was imported; and

(c) the measures Government propose to curb the imports thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Import of timber and pulp is under Open General Licence (OGL) and information on import of these items is available with the Government upto the year 1988-89 only. The details for the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 are given in the statement annexed. (*See* below)

(c) The import of timber and pulp is currently under OGL.

Statement

Impdrt of pulp wood

(Including Chips and Wood Waste) and other Wood in the rough or roughly squared during the years 1986-87 *to* 1988-89.

S. No.	Description of items	Unit of Qty.	1986-87 Qty.	1987-88 Qty.	1988-89 Qty.	Name of major countries from which imported
1	Wood pulp. . . .	Tonne	2,07,159	2,54,637	1,41,737	Portugal, USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico, Newzealand, Norway, Sweden, Singapore, USSR, Finland, Germany.
2	Wood waste (including sawdust)	Tonne	..	4,969	..	Malaysia, Singapore, Pakistan.
3	Sawlogs and Veneer logs of coniferous species. .	Tonne	..	60,273	10,698	Brazil, Burma, Malaysia, Nepal Singapore, France and Hong-Kong.
4	Sawlogs and Veneer logs of non-coniferous species .	CUM	1,60,065	3,71,799	5,45,390	Burma, Malaysia, Singapore, Nepal and Indonesia.
5	Pipros, poles piling posts and other wood in the rough N.E.S. . . .	Tonne	1,45,290	8,221	..	Australia, Burma, Indonesia, Itlay, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, USA and Nepal.

SOURCE:— Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol. II (Imports) published by DG CI&S, Calcutta.

Demand for fuel wood in the country

1885. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for fuelwood in the country is at present about 235 million cubic metres per years;

(b) if so, what is the total production of fuelwood in the country at present; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to meet the shortfall, if any

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) According to the state of Forest Report 1987, the demand for fuelwood in the country is estimated to be 235 million Cum. per year against the estimated production of 40 million Cum.

(c) The Government of India have taken following steps:

(1) A massive afforestation programme is under operation under the 20-Point Programme, and during the 7th Five Year Plan period alone,